

camped with his old revolutionary heroes. (Applause) Here they trained for the service. He went to the front and stayed in the service over four years, even doing service after the surrender of Lee. At the close of the war he went to the paymaster, stated the circumstances, and asked him to give him what pay he was entitled to. He then went back to his district and they re-elected him to congress. There were some very mean men in the district, some who, when he was wounded in battle, held a great jollification because he was reported dead. Yet none of these men were mean enough to raise such charges against him. That was reserved for meaner men of a later date. "I don't refer to Judge Crouse of course. He knows nothing about this only as he reads it in the papers."

The General then wanted to know why Judge Crouse should repeat the charge that he was worth half a million after he had stated that he was not worth one-tenth of a million. Was his word worth nothing? "I forgot to state" exclaimed the speaker, "that I had some money over back in '62. I had money enough to pay the expenses of my regiment to Washington. And I never got anything back for it either." (Applause.)

"Judge Crouse said at Beatrice that the republican party had dropped me. Well, the people didn't drop me (Great cheering) By a majority of 50,000 they asked to have me re-elected, and they sent members of the legislature to Lincoln pledged to re-elect me. And what then? The railroads came in and bought up enough to defeat me, bought them up like cattle, and you know it, and Judge Crouse knows it too."

Referring to the Judge's insinuations about his house in Washington he said: Yes it was a good investment. The land increased in value. He built a nice house on purpose to be able to rent it to a supreme judge. He had to put a little mortgage of \$16,000 on it but that didn't matter. But why should such things be brought up here against him? Then facing about toward Judge Crouse with a wonderful look of mingled triumph and indignation he shouted: "Thank God Judge there's no railroad money in it!" and the walls fairly shook with the storm of applause.

Referring again to the money question the General said the cry of a seventy cent dollar amounted to nothing. It was the stamp of the government that gave value to the dollar. He wanted Judge Crouse to state what disaster had come from the free coinage of silver for nearly a hundred years after the foundation of the government. Who had asked to have silver demonetized? Had the people demanded it? Jackson and the Elder Harrison favored silver, and held very near the same views on finance that the people's party holds to-day. These republicans are very much afraid they will do something to benefit the owners of silver mines in the northwest. But they think it is all right to protect the owners of iron and coal mines in Pennsylvania and make them millionaire. (Applause.)

He said if Mr. Crouse had asked somebody besides a banker, he might have found out something of the real situation of the farmers who are struggling under the awful burden of mortgages.

Those same farmers in Hitchcock county are now selling their wheat at 40 cents per bushel less than cost of production. Here time was called and as the General took his seat there was long continued applause.

At the close of Van Wyck's speech quite a number left the hall as it was getting late in the afternoon.

Judge Crouse then began as follows: "I have been highly entertained and amused by the remarks made by my friend. I am a native of the empire state. I am almost sorry to say my friend is also."

I feel called upon to defend the patriotism of New York from the aspersions of their ignominious and cowardly Colonel. I raised a regiment there, and there was not anything said about their being paid either in gold or greenbacks. In their name I refute the charges made by the craven, cowardly colonel. (Hisses) I say cowardly, because no brave man would speak of his men as he has. If his men had the spirit he described, I could have taken

ten men with broomsticks and whipped the lot of them."

He then proceeded to ridicule and abuse Van Wyck further. He tried to make it appear that Van Wyck had not shown himself a patriotic union man at the opening of the war, that he had favored the division of the union, etc. All these charges were greeted by hisses from the crowd, hundreds in the audience joining in the hissing.

He then said he would take up the General's railroad record. He unfolded a paper to read and as soon as the crowd saw what it was, the cry of "State Journal" went and there were jeers and laughing in all parts of the hall. He read an account of Van Wyck's voting for the Cincinnati and Southern railroad bill which gave permission to make very high rates etc.

He said free silver would give us sixty cent dollars and drive out all of our seven hundred million of gold. Then his time expired and the debate closed.

Dozens of men, many of them soldiers, rushed forward to grasp Van Wyck's hand and cheer for the grand old soldier, while Crouse with a few friends left the hall as soon as he could.

COMMENTS.

The above is the fullest and fairest report to both sides that has been published. It is made up from copious notes taken by the editor of THE ALLIANCE-DEPENDENT. We have aimed to give a fair statement of the ideas set forth on each side, and to give the most important statements verbatim.

There can be no dispute as to Van Wyck's complete victory.

He successfully refuted Crouse's attempts at argument, and he met the Judge's cowardly personal attacks by manly statements that carried conviction to the minds of the people.

Crouse's face wore a hard and scornful look, and he spoke in a sneering voice. He showed that he was utterly devoid of sympathy with the common people. He tried to convey the impression that most of the mortgages on Nebraska farms were put their by rascals to beat capitalists out of their money. He had no word of sympathy with the producers, but words of praise and defense for such men as Carnegie.

On the other hand in every feature of the old General's face, in every one of his awkward gestures there appeared an overpowering earnestness, an eloquence that carried the people by storm. Men who had come there deeply prejudiced against Van Wyck went away to work for him with all their might from now till election. Men who had been indifferent, became enthusiastic, and many republicans were won completely over.

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